

# KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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## KIDSNET Web Enhancements

Web application users can now generate patient immunization reports, located on the Practice Reports screens. You can run reports of children missing a single vaccine or any vaccines. This is a way to identify children in your practice who have not yet completed the Pevnar series.

The Forms screens have expanded to include information on Reportable Diseases in Rhode Island, Immunization Forms, Regulations, School Health Information, Childhood Lead Poisoning Information, and more.

Please contact your KIDSNET representative with questions or for site training on these enhancements.

New to the web application is the State Supplied Vaccine SSV Administrative Functions. This feature allows practices to renew SSV enrollment online. To use this application, call Neil Young, SSV Enrollment Specialist, at 222-5940 for a user ID.

## KIDSNET New Users

This month we welcome **St. Peter School, South County Walk-In and Primary Care, Dr. Michael Hayden, Dr. Jeanne Swen, and four Early Intervention Programs: Hasbro Children's Hospital, Family Services, James L. Maher Center, and Department of Human Services.**

## Lead Screening

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate a report of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. Pediatric practices that used this report in November 2005 are: **Bald Hill Pediatrics, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Dr. Ramos, Hasbro Kids Health Team, Dr. Arcand, Family Medicine Specialists, Pediatric Associates, and Dr. Wasser.**

If you would like to run this report and need a training review, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the Help Desk at 222-4220. Thank you for your help ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

Visit our NEW web site at [www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet](http://www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet)  
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220 with any questions or suggestions

## **KIDSNET launches its web site!!!!**

Yes! We are pleased to announce that KIDSNET information is now on the Department of Health web site. This resource will help answer questions about KIDSNET and how it can help families, physicians, schools, and community agencies keep Rhode Island children healthy.

In the "Information for Families" section, you will find answers to frequently asked questions and learn how KIDSNET benefits parents and children. In the "Information for Providers" section, we have included benefits for providers, how to become a KIDSNET participating provider, information about reminders that KIDSNET sends to families, and the latest editions of the "KIDSNET UPDATE." There are also sections on "Confidentiality," "KIDSNET Data," and how to "Contact us."

Please note that the "Who uses KIDSNET?" section of the web site has the list of all **KIDSNET Authorized Users**, which will be updated monthly. Since you can now view and print this list as often as needed, we will no longer mail you a hard copy. Practices without Internet access can request a hard copy by contacting their Provider Relations representative.

Please visit us at [www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet](http://www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet). If you are a KIDSNET authorized user, you will also see a link to our web site on the Login Page of the KIDSNET database. We would love to hear your ideas and/or suggestions to make this site work for you. Please visit our site now!

## **KIDSNET access issues**

KIDSNET apologizes for the recent technical problems that made the database unavailable to users. We are completing an upgrade to Oracle, the foundation for the database, which we expect to complete in the next few weeks. Some of the problems that we experienced may have been due to work upgrading the system. We are concerned about this situation, are working diligently to correct those problems, and will continue to do everything possible to avoid service interruptions. However, we are not always aware when there are system problems, until users report them to us.

We ask you to contact the Help Desk at 222-4220 whenever you experience any problems accessing KIDSNET. We can then troubleshoot the problem as quickly as possible and update the Help Desk's voice mail message about when we expect the problem to be corrected. We will also continue to post a message on the web site when the system is unavailable. As always, we appreciate your patience and cooperation.